Central plan assistance

2333. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modify the existing formula of Central Plan assistance to States;

(b) If so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the matter has been discussed with the various State Governments;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the revised formula is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) Since the States have sought a revision of the Gadgil Formula for allocation of Normal Central Assistance to States, Planning Commission has sought their views and suggestions have been received from various State Governments. However, there is wide divergence in the views amongst the States in this regard. In general, white the advanced States have sought higher weightage for performance, the less advanced States have sought higher weightage for backwardness. Hence, the full Planning Commission in its meeting held on 27th and 29th June, 2001 discussed, *inter-alia,* the issue of revision of Gadgil Formula and in view of the divergence of the views among the State Governments and the sensitivity of the issue, It was decided it would be necessary to discuss this further and evolve a consensus before alternatives are considered by the NDC.

Assistance for repair of damaged roads

2334. PROF M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has requested for any help in repairing the roads damaged due to heavy floods and rain since January, 2002;

(b) if so, the details tinereof;

(c) whether Government have thought of any programme to extend help to such States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE fyilNISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The State-wise details of funds demanded and allocated for restoration of damages on National Highways due to rain/floods during 2002-2003 are enclosed (See below).

(e) Does notarise.

Statement

Assistance for repair of damaged roads

(Rs. in Lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of States	Demand of Fund	Allocation'
1.	Andhra Pradesh	—	500.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	18.75	—
3.	Assam	1641.80	650.00
4.	Bihar	5259.00	1300.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	500.00	500.00
6.	Goa	109.98	100.00
7.	Gujarat	800.57	100.00
8.	Haryana	—	50.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1300.00	300.00
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	28.40	—
11.	Jharkhand	519.45	100.00
12.	Karnataka	1050.00	500.00
13.	Kerala	1600.00	500.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	500.00	500.00
15.	Maharashtra	823.13	500.00

SI. No.	Name of States	Demand of Fund	Allocation*
16.	Manipur	578.95	200.00
17.	Meghalaya	444.75	200.00
18.	Mizoram	525.14	200.00
19.	Nagaland	180.10	100.00
20.	Orissa	4401.63	1000.00
21.	Tamil Nadu	—	300.00
22.	Uttar Pradesh	2620.00	800.00
23.	Uttaranchal	492.00	100.00
24.	West Bengal	1500.00	600.00
	TOTAL :	24893.65	9100.00

*Funds are allocated on the basis of the overall availability of funds, assessment of damages by Ministry's officers and fof temporary restoration of the damages.

Funds for constructing roads in Andhra Pradesh

2335. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for allocation of funds to take up the road connectivity to minor ports of Gangavaram, Krishnapatnam and Vodarevu from NH-5;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the steps taken by his Ministry to release the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) An allocation of Rs. 84.76 crores was requested for taking up these works.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh was informed that since the roads connecting the above-mentioned ports to NH-5 are not National Highways, no funds can be allocated for development of these roads by the Ministry. Further it was informed that the State